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2009-10 AmeriCorps*State Program Portfolio

Program Operating Grants (Formula & Competitive) Education Award Program Grants ARRA Grants (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) Planning Grants

Program Operating Grants

Community Partnership for Youth in Transition

Award Recipient: City and County of Denver, Division of Human Services

Award: \$251,999

ARRA Award: \$175,231

AmeriCorps Members: 20 + 6 ARRA

Contact: Judy Henderson, (720) 944-1006, judy.henderson@denvergov.org

The purpose of the program is to engage youth emancipating out of foster care and to support them on their journey to adulthood. Annually in Colorado, approximately 400 young people age out of foster care and approximately 300 emancipate. The program helps these young people transition to self-sufficiency by providing a strong safety net of support and resources to help them reach their full potential and maintain stability.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the program by providing an additional six AmeriCorps members who will receive additional employment and skills training.

Mesa State College AmeriCorps Program

Award Recipient: Mesa State College

Award: \$308,826

ARRA Award: \$65,500

AmeriCorps Members: 25 + 5 ARRA

Contact: Pat Verstraete, (970) 248-1874, pverstra@mesastate.edu

The program provides inter-agency collaborative efforts that strengthen resources for the youth in Mesa County. The project addresses the following areas: family management problems, lack of commitment to school, alienation and rebelliousness and problem behavior.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the program by providing an additional five AmeriCorps members who will provide non profit capacity building at five additional sites.

Weld County Youth Conservation Corps

Award Recipient: Weld County Board of Commissioners

Contact: Tami Grant, (970) 353-3800 x 3362, tgrant@co.weld.co.us

Award: \$186,983

AmeriCorps Members: 30 + 16 (ARRA)

ARRA Award: \$100,800

The youth conservation program recruits at-risk-youth as AmeriCorps members and provides them the means to acquire job, leadership and civic skills through projects that have a lasting and visible benefit to their community. Corps member development activities include GED preparation, citizenship training, conflict resolution, first aid/CPR, HIV and STD awareness, diversity training, journaling and team building activities.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the program by providing an additional 16 AmeriCorps members who will provide volunteer generation and management activities.

Colorado Youth Corps Leadership and Conservation Program

Award Recipient: Year One Inc., dba Mile High Youth Corps

Contact: Kara Silbernagel, (303) 433-1206, option 1, ext. 326; karas@mhyc.net

Award: \$423,441

AmeriCorps Members: 24 + 241 (ARRA)

ARRA Award: \$832,831

The program addresses the environmental and community improvement needs of urban and rural communities. Members, recruited from the community, participate in a service-learning program that encompasses environmental education, civic engagement, healthy lifestyles, independent living skills, career development and leadership. Service projects concentrate on environmental restoration, protection and conservation, energy conservation, affordable housing, and community improvement projects. Program sites are located in Denver, Steamboat Springs, Fort Collins, Durango, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, and Fort Morgan.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the programming by providing an additional 241 AmeriCorps members who will receive employment and skills training.

Colorado HIPPY Corps

Award Recipient: Colorado Parent and Child Foundation

Contact: Melissa Kelley, 303 860-6000, melissa@cpcfonline.org

Award: \$270,900

AmeriCorps Members: 43

HIPPY Corps is a home-based, peer-delivered, early intervention program designed to empower parents to become their child's primary educator. AmeriCorps members provide weekly home visits as well as role modeling and mentoring to parents. Members are recruited from the population of parents served by the program. The program serves seven Colorado counties (Adams, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Denver, Jefferson, Rio Grande, and Saguache) where over 95% of families fall below poverty guidelines.

The School Based Mentoring Program

Award Recipient: Partners in Routt County

Contact: Libby Foster, (970) 879-6141, libby@partnersrouttcounty.org

Award: \$12,600

AmeriCorps Members: 1 + 6 (ARRA)

ARRA Award: \$78,600

The mentoring program addresses the needs of rural youth in areas of school bonding, negative attitudes towards healthy lifestyles, academics, alcohol, drugs, delinquency and lack of volunteerism. In addition to mentoring relationships formed between students and AmeriCorps members in the school setting, members are also becoming involved in the community as senior partners for a year-long, at-risk youth mentoring partnership.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the programming by providing an additional six AmeriCorps members.

City/DPS Collaborative – Urban Education Service Corps

Award Recipient: Denver Public Schools

Contact: Roxanne N. Nice, 720 839-2473; ROXANNE_NICE@dpsk12.org

Award: \$496,314

AmeriCorps Members: 88

The program will increase enrollment and attendance, reduce the drop out rate, and reengage student dropouts in eight under performing schools by increasing parent and family engagement in the school community. AmeriCorps members will launch an outreach and school enrollment campaign at strategic locations in targeted neighborhoods.

Energize La Plata

Award Recipient: Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc.

Contact: Peter Tregillus; 970 563-4517 ext. 208, ptregillus@sucap.org

Award: \$102,062

AmeriCorps Members: 9

Energize La Plata is a federation of entities seeking to address a number of youth, family, and community development needs in the southern Ute Indian Reservation region in southwestern Colorado. Areas of focus will include having AmeriCorps members involved in implementing an information survey at the Southern Ute Head Start Program; improve protective factors for teens engaged in using alcohol and drugs; engage youth in civic activities; and implement programs that address youth obesity.

Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Program (RSAPP/SCYC) AmeriCorps Program

Award Recipient: Montezuma County Partners, Inc.

Award: \$81,900

AmeriCorps Members: 7

Contact: Melissa Miller, 970-529-7139; missy@scycinc.org

The program addresses substance abuse problems in southwestern Colorado. The goal of the program is to foster solutions from community members, enlist these members to be role models of service and civic responsibility,

increase the quality of living within the communities and increase knowledge of the issues facing the communities and region. AmeriCorps members will serve in a variety of roles in the following counties: Montezuma, Delores, La Plata, San Juan and Archuleta.

Boys and Girls Club Outreach and Enrichment Initiative

Award Recipient: Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County

Contact: Julie Mordecai, 719 580-0379; mordecai@GoJade.org

Award: \$245,712

AmeriCorps Members: 19

The program works to lower risk factors for youth by providing the stability of a safe place to go after school hours as well as provide the academic, emotional and social support youth need to reach their full potential. AmeriCorps members will serve as youth development professionals to run teen programming, after school homework help, and provide programming in the arts, physical and social education. Some members shall assist in recruiting and coordinating local volunteers. The members will work at sites in the following cities: Denver, Ignacio, Alamosa, La Jara, Pueblo, Fort Collins, Loveland, Salida, Buena Vista, Craig, Steamboat Springs, Fairplay and Bailey.

Education Award Program Grants

Saguache United Methodist Church AmeriCorps Program

Award Recipient: United Methodist Church of Center

Contact: Yvonne Morfitt, (719) 256-4662, dymorfitt@fairpoint.net

Award: \$1,872

AmeriCorps Members: 12 + 5 (ARRA)

ARRA Award: \$2,550

The program focuses on education, recreation, and basic needs of young people in rural communities. The AmeriCorps members implement a tutoring program at a school on academic watch. Service activities are also planned to address the needs of the community.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the programming by providing an additional five AmeriCorps members who will provide tutoring, mentoring, literacy and financial planning.

Colorado Youth Corps Education Awards Program

Award Recipient: Colorado Youth Corps Association

Contact: Jennifer Freeman, jfreeman@cyca.org

Award: \$44,802

AmeriCorps Members: 303 + 333 (ARRA)

ARRA Award: \$91,392

This program develops and maintains the capacity of a statewide network of youth conservation corps programs. Members complete service projects to maintain and enhance public lands. Nine youth corps sites in rural and urban areas of the state enroll members to complete conservation service projects such as trail construction and habitat restoration on public lands in their local communities. Additionally, programs offer young people a number of education opportunities including environmental education, citizenship instruction, and basic education such as GED preparation.

This program is also receiving ARRA funding. The ARRA grant award augments the programming by providing an additional 333 AmeriCorps members.

Planning Grants

CENTUS Healthy Family Initiative

Award Recipient: CENTUS Counseling, Consulting & Education

Award: \$44,401

AmeriCorps Members: N/A

Contact: Susan M. Geissler, 303 639-5240 18; sgeissler@CENTUS.org

The award recipient promotes healing and wholeness in mind, body, spirit, and community for individuals, families and organizations with counseling services through a main office and a network of ten partnering faith congregations in the metro Denver area. The planning grant is intended to determine how to integrate AmeriCorps members as direct service providers in the Healthy Family Initiative (HFI), a strategic plan to expand its influence on mental health, wellness and community building.

ACE Colorado Youth Leadership Initiative-AmeriCorps Program

Award Recipient: Americans Childrens Education Foundation

Contact: Glenn McGuire, 719 583-7860; snsd2b@gmail.com

Award: \$50,000

AmeriCorps Members: N/A

The grant recipient will implement a one-year planning grant to develop a leadership initiative based on community-identified needs. Techniques on how AmeriCorps members can best engage student participants in leadership building activities will be researched. The program will also research an educational mentoring and tutoring program model that would use AmeriCorps members to enhance students' educational levels. Additionally, criteria shall be researched and developed for the recruitment of AmeriCorps members.

PCC AmeriCorps Program

Award Recipient: Pueblo Community College

Award: \$50,000

AmeriCorps Members: N/A

Contact: Linda Tremblay, 719 549-3244; Linda.Tremblay@pueblocc.edu

The award recipient shall use the planning grant to commit and align critical partners to form a Pueblo Area Community Service (PACS) Coalition. This coalition shall bring together education, business, government, non-profit community, faith-based, social services, healthcare, law enforcement, youth communities and other organizations to develop a PACS Program. The AmeriCorps planning grant opportunity shall also be utilized to strengthen community partnerships and to promote the value of service learning to students, faculty, college administration and community members.

Colorado Asset Building Coalition Project

Award Recipient: Advocates for Young Adults

Contact: Shawn Young, 720 363-5131; shawn@a4ya.org

Award: \$45,305

AmeriCorps Members: N/A

The award recipient will implement a planning process to study the feasibility of operating an AmeriCorps program to provide tax preparation, asset building strategies, financial education, and economic opportunities to people with disabilities. The grant will also be used to create a process for selecting AmeriCorps service sites, orientation and develop training activities, partnerships and stakeholders within target communities, as well as identify needs within the target communities.

Total Number of Programs - 16

Total Number of Program Grants - 23

AmeriCorps Funding - \$3,962,887

Total Formula Dollars - \$2,298,409

Number of Formula Programs - 13

Total Competitive Dollars - \$270,900

Number of Competitive Programs - 1

Total EAP (Ed. Award Program) Dollars - \$46,674

Number of EAP Programs - 2

Total ARRA Dollars - \$1,346,904

Number of ARRA Programs - 7

Total Number of AmeriCorps Members – 1,193

Number of MSYs (Member Service Years)- 483